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Applicant: TAM, CHERK SHING
Title: BONE STIMULATING FACTOR
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SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE
TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is a response to the communication from the Examiner dated July 3, 2001. The response is due on September 3, 2001, by virtue of the attached Petition for Extension of Time and the requisite fee for a one-month extension of time. While applicants believe the amount of the attached check is correct, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficit or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

In order to supplement the previous response filed on April 11, 2001, Applicants hereby elect the species, "SEQ ID NO:46," which is recited in claim 7, for initial examination on the merits for examination. The polypeptide having amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:46 has protected N- and C-terminals and results involving this protected sequence are shown in Figure 15, bar labeled PP. The corresponding unprotected sequence is identified as SEQ ID NO:54. All claims in the elected Group I,

claims 1-23 and 35-48, read on the elected species. Examination of the non-elected species is requested upon a finding that the elected species is allowable.

Examination on the merits respectfully is requested. Should there be any questions, the Examiner is courteously invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number shown below.

Respectfully submitted,

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